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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,073,577; Lilleland et al. - June 13, 2000;
U.S. Patent No. 6,010,636; Donohue et al. - January 14, 2000;
U.S. Patent No. 5,990,016; Kim et al. - November 23, 1999;
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U.S. Patent No. 5,628,869; Mallon - May 13, 1997;
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U.S. Patent No. 4,792,378; Rose et al. - December 20, 1988;
U.S. Patent No. 4,579,618; Celestino et al. - April 1, 1986;
U.S. Patent No. 4,610,774; Sakata et al. - September 9, 1986;
U.S. Patent No. 4,297,162; Mundt et al. - October 27, 1981; and
U.S. Patent No. 4,230,515; Zajac - October 28, 1980.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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